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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

November 4, 2011



Only One Week Remaining!

The MCA Building, Highway and Concrete Excellence awards are the premier construction awards in Montana. Award applications are due at the MCA no later than **November 12, 2011**. You can submit the same project for both AGC award and MCA award consideration. See the AGC award categories below.

Click here for information and application forms for [concrete](#), [building](#), [environmental](#) and [highway](#) projects.



Developer Sues State Over Cancelled Contract

Two articles were published over the weekend concerning a cancelled state building project. MCA Executive Directory Cary Hegreberg was interviewed for one of the articles. Click to read the [Great Falls Tribune](#) story, also the [Helena Independent Record](#) story.

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[MCA Winter Convention @ Big Sky](#) -

Online Registration is up!

Calendar

Nov 9-10
ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification
Missoula
[Registration](#)

Nov 16
Highway Technical Committee
MCA Office, Helena
9:00 am
CANCELLED

Nov 17-18
ACI Field Testing Technician
Bozeman
[Registration](#)

Nov 17
Bid-Letting
MDT, Helena
9:00 am

Court documents indicate the project was allegedly delayed/cancelled by the Governor's office because it created potential re-election problems for the Governor, during the 2008 election year.



Rehberg Speaks Out on 3% Withholding

Congressman Denny Rehberg took the time to address the 3% withholding law with MCA members specifically in this [video](#). The MCA appreciates his consistent support for co-sponsoring legislation to repeal the law.



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Your Suggestions for Opencut Rules Are Needed

DEQ is starting a process of rewriting the administrative rules for open cut mining and has asked the MCA for initial input prior to drafting something for

Dec 1
Legal Issues for Construction
Industry
Helena
[Registration](#)

Dec 7
Highway Technical Committee
Helena, MCA Office
9:00 am

Dec 8-9
ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification
Missoula
[Registration](#)

Dec 15-16
ACI Field Testing Technician
Helena
[Registration](#)

Quote of the Week

"Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders."

- Tom Peters

Header Info

Schellinger Construction completed a 5-mile highway widening project south of Townsend on MT 287 this summer.

If you have pictures you'd like to see headline the e-brief, send them to keith@mtagc.org.

public comment. We have a conference call set for Nov. 8. if anyone has suggestions on the rulemaking, or would like to participate in the conference call, contact our office.



"Surviving the Economic Recovery"

Come enjoy the slopes of winter fun while you learn how to survive the steep slope of economic decline that leads to prosperity for those firms positioning themselves for the recovery. Dr. Thomas Schleifer is back as the featured Keynote speaker.

January 11-13, 2012
Big Sky Resort
Big Sky, Montana

Watch for the registration form in the November MCA newsletter. Or register online at www.mtagc.org.



Rove to be Keynote Speaker at AGC Annual Convention

Karl Rove, former Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to President George H.W. Bush will provide the keynote address at the AGC's Annual Convention, March 13-17, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

March might seem like a long way off, but when taking spring break schedules and airline flights into consideration, now is the time to make your reservations!

Conference and hotel registration can be accessed by following this [link](#) to the AGC website. Save \$200 by registering prior to December 15!



MSU Recognition Dinner Slated for February 24

On Friday, February 24, 2012, the 8th Biennial Construction Recognition Dinner (CRD) will be held in the Strand Union Ballrooms on the campus of Montana State University-Bozeman. The purpose of the dinner is to recognize the entire construction industry for its contribution to our society and honor the Montana professional who work in it. Awards will be presented to outstanding Montana contracting professionals as well as several CE/CET alumni who have made significant contributions to the construction industry.

We invite you and your company to sponsor a table of eight at this banquet, which will include up to four designated attendees from your company. The remaining four or more sponsored guests at your table will include upper division construction students and faculty from Montana State University plus distinguished guests. The cost to sponsor a table of eight is four hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$495) and the check needs to be made out to: CE-CONSTRUCTION RECOGNITION DINNER. Please fill out this [table sponsorship request form](#) and return this form and your payment to the address listed on the table sponsorship request form.



AGC Seeks Member Award Entries

The AGC of America offers its members a chance to apply for the following awards:

[Alliant Build America](#) - Showcases top construction projects in a variety of categories

[Liberty Mutual Marvin M. Black Excellence in Partnering Award](#) - Honors collaborative spirit of successful projects between joint ventures

[AGC in the Community Awards](#) - Recognizes service projects and charitable giving initiatives performed by member companies

Projects must be completed within the timeframe of November 1, 2010 - November 1, 2011 in order to be considered. The final deadline for all entries is Friday, November 4, 2011.

Winners will be announced at AGC's 93rd Annual Convention next March. For more information, contact the Online Awards Administrator, Ijeoma Nwatu at nwatui@agc.org.



It's Not Just Construction Awards - AGC Offers Safety Award

The AGC is happy to announce the 13th annual Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) program. This awards program is the industry's elite safety excellence awards program which recognizes companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and loss prevention programs while achieving continuous improvements and maintenance of their safety and health management systems.

The deadline for submitting the application to national AGC is by COB December 9, 2011. You can download the [application form](#) here, or access the application by visiting www.agc.org/csea.



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